



Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

*Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair
Councilor Maureen T. Carney
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra*

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
Northampton, MA**

Meeting Date: June 7, 2018

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting took place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting began at 7 p.m.

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 7:51 p.m. Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were committee members David Murphy, Maureen Carney, Marianne LaBarge & Gina-Louise Sciarra. Also present from the City Council were Bill Dwight, Jim Nash, Ryan O'Donnell, Dennis Bidwell, and Alisa Klein.
3. **Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting**
 - A. **Minutes of April 19, 2018**

Councilor Carney moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2018. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

4. **Financial Orders**

- A. **18.108 An Order To Approve FY2019 General Fund Budget**

Councilor Murphy reviewed the major categories and requested amounts for each budget line item.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

- B. **18.109 Orders To Approve FY 2019 Enterprise Funds**

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order for the sewer enterprise fund to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Councilor Sciarra moved to return the order for the Water Enterprise Fund to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order for the solid waste enterprise fund to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Councilor Sciarra moved to return the order for the Stormwater Enterprise Fund to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

C. 18.110 An Order To Approve FY2019 Revolving Funds

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order, saying he would recommend taking the individual revolving accounts as a group. If anyone wished to break one out and act on it separately, he asked them to let him know.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Mayor Narkewicz pointed out that Councilor Murphy hadn't read the first page of the order for 18.108 An Order to Approve FY2019 General Fund Budget. Councilor Murphy went back and read the text of the order.

Councilor Sciarra moved to ratify the original vote to return 18.108 to the full council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Carney seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

D. 18.113 An Order To Appropriate Free Cash - Bid Bond Forfeiture To ADA Sidewalk Project
Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

As he understands it, the original low bidder for the ADA access improvements to the area around City Hall backed out, so the city is keeping the bond posted with the bid for the project.

Councilor Sciarra moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

E. 18.114 An Order For FY2018 End of Year Budget Transfers

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order and listed the proposed transfers.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

F. 18.115 An Order To Appropriate Free Cash To Capital Stabilization And Stabilization Funds
Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

It has been the city's policy to try to put funds from Free Cash into stabilization and the capital stabilization fund, so that is what they're doing, Mayor Narkewicz explained.

G. 18.116 An Order To Appropriate Free Cash To FY18 Snow And Ice Deficits

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Administrators budgeted \$471,500 in the FY 2018 budget for snow and ice, Mayor Narkewicz reported. The actual expenditure was \$705,983. \$721,000 has been the five-year average.

H. 18.117 An Order To Transfer \$178,977 From Employee Health Insurance To OPEB Trust

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

The city got this amount back from Medicare reimbursement. City officials have been trying to slowly build up the OPEB trust fund to cover the OPEB liability, Mayor Narkewicz reminded.

I. 18.118 An Order To Appropriate \$11,000 From Bates Tomb Trust Fund For Tomb Restorative Improvements

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

This project is part of the historic Bridge Street cemetery and historic cemetery restoration plan, Mayor Narkewicz advised. Director LaScaleia went out to bid and the bid came in \$11,000 higher than estimated.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

5. New Business

-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

- 6. Adjourn:** At 8:20 p.m., Councilor Carney moved to adjourn; Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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